GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:424
ANSWERED ON:25.08.2005
RAIL CONNECTIVITY TO PORTS
Oram Shri Jual

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have received some proposals from some major ports authorities in the county to provide better rail connectivity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Railways thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 424 BY SHRI JUAL ORAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 25.8.2005 REGARDING RAIL CONNECTIVITY TO PORTS

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The details of the proposals received from major ports and action taken by Ministry of Railways are provided in the table below:

Major Port	Project	Action by Ministry of Railways
Mumbai Port	Construction of Dedicated Freight Line between Kurla -Wadala Cost to be borne by Port Trust.	On request of Port Trust survey has been taken up.
Cochin Port	Rail connectivity to International Container Transshipment Terminal at Vallarpadam island.	Survey has already been conducted by Ministry of Railways. Cochin Port Trust has been advised to execute the project at their own cost in view of project being financially unviable.
Ennore Port	Attipattu-Puttur New Line	Survey has already been completed. Project is financially unviable.

However, Ministry of Railways under National Rail Vikas Yojana (NRVY) had identified certain works for strengthening the Port connectivity. These works are being implemented by Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. (RVNL). Some of the major projects, which will strengthen port connectivity of major ports include Panvel- Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) Double Line for JNPT Port; Nergundi-Cuttak-Raghunathpur Double Line, Haridaspur-Paradeep New Line & Banspani-Daitari New Line for Paradeep Port; Hassan-Mangalore Gauge Conversion for New Mangalore Port; Gandhidham-Palanpur Gauge Conversion for Kandla Port; and Panskura-Haldia Double Line for Haldia Port.